



METROPOLITAN HOUSING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, AT 8:00 AM

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
310 N. COMMERCE PARK LOOP, SANTA RITA BUILDING,
TERRACE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUCSON, ARIZONA

MINUTES

Call to Order

Commission Members Present:

Jerry Anderson	Michael McDonald	Maryann Beerling
Michael Grassinger	Gigi Rodriguez	Evelia Martinez
Susan Soto	Leslie Carlson	

Commission Members Absent:

Melanie Morrison	Pat DeVito	Pete Chalupsky
Steve Tofel	Bob Storie	

Housing and Community Development Department: Staff Present:

Albert Elias	Chris Kaselemis	Elizabeth Livingston
Oralia Acuna		

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM
2. Approval of February 11, 2010, minutes
Jerry Anderson made a MOTION to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Evelia Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Metropolitan Housing Commission's role in regards to the Metropolitan Housing Corporation – Albert Elias
Albert reported on the Vista Sierra Apartments owned by the Metropolitan Housing Corporation is going through foreclosure. Discussion was held on the Metropolitan Housing Corporation and their by laws. Michael McDonald would like a discussion on what the role of Commission is on the delivery of affordable housing through nonprofit partners.
4. DRAFT of the Consolidated Plan – Albert Elias/Ann Vargas
Albert discussed the HUD requirements for a 5 year Consolidated Plan for how HOME, CDBG, ESG and HOPWA money is spent. The Public Hearing on the Plan has been scheduled for May 4th and there is a public comment period from April 5th to May 4th. The draft will be available on the City and County website.
5. Report from the Chair
 - a) Joint meeting with CAC
Michael Grassinger met with Corky Poster, who is the current chair of the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee. Corky will ask the CAC members to see who can attend a joint

meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Housing Commission. Michael Grassinger will also send an email to all the Metropolitan Housing Commission members and see who is available to attend a joint meeting. Mike will coordinate with Corky and get back to the Commission on this once it is set. Maryann Beerling requested that she be a member of the Commission meeting with the CAC.

- b) Meeting with Arizona Housing Alliance
Michael Grassinger said AZ Housing Alliance joint meeting suggested date set for Friday March 26th at the Old Pueblo Grill. Mike will send an email to all the Commission requesting members who can pay their own way and would like to attend let him know. This is a marketing and outreach meeting with the Arizona Housing Alliance. When Michael Grassinger gets confirmation on date and location he will send email to the Commission and see who is interested in attending and pay their own way.
- c) Other Business
Mike Grassinger thanked the Commission members who attended the Mayor and Council meeting on February 23, 2010 when the Annual Production Report was presented.

- 6. Updates from Staff
NSP2 Contract with Pima County is going to Mayor and Council and Pima County Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2010. Contracts are due to HUD on April 11, 2010. NSP2 brings more resources to the Community to address the foreclosure issue.

Legislative - Residential rental sales tax bill passed the Senate that prevents cities from increasing rental sales tax. Jerry Anderson asked if Mayor and Council had taken a stance on this issue. Albert informed the Commission that Mayor and Council are opposed to this legislation.

Federal – There is a JOBS bill that is going to Congress, it has passed the Senate, the House has also passed it. There is a direct appropriation to cities with CDBG entitlements in this bill. The City is watching this closely.

Albert Elias provided information about the City's Collaborative Auditing Project. This is how they are tracking what is going on in departments and how they are being affected by funding and budget issues. Albert handed out information sheets and charts.

Jerry Anderson suggested that at the next Arizona State Housing forum there could be a combined joint Arizona Housing Alliance and Metropolitan Housing Commission gathering for elected officials.

- 7. Subcommittee Updates/Reports/Potential Action
 - **Governmental Affairs – Jerry Anderson, Chair**
Jerry Anderson informed MHC members that the meetings with the two new Council Members have been set. The meeting with Council Members Richard Fimbres (Ward 5) is scheduled on April 1st from 11:30 AM to 12:30 AM at the Ward 5 office. The meeting with Council Member

Steve Kozachik (Ward 6) is scheduled for April 7th at 3:30 at the Ward 6 office. Discussion was held on what issues would be discussed at these meetings. Jerry requested that staff send the appointment notices to the full Commission just in case others would like to attend.

- **Marketing & Public Relations – Evelia Martinez, Chair**
Evelia Martinez talked about the Metropolitan Housing Brochure and the Commission reviewed the example. Albert informed the Commission that there are some funds available to pay for the printing costs. Evelia requested that 1,000 copies be made of the brochure. MOTION made by Michael McDonald and second by Susan Soto to approve the expenditure to print 1,000 brochures. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Membership Recruitment – Susan Soto, Chair**
Susan Soto announced that Steve Tofel recommended David Wohl of Sabino Housing for the real estate/finance vacancy. She is meeting with him this Tuesday at 9 AM at Maynard with an application. She will send out an email to subcommittee members to see if any one else wants to join her. There is a vacancy for the Neighborhood representation position. Mike Handley and John Lewis from Southern Arizona Bank in the banking industry were recommended at the Mayor and Council meeting to fill that vacancy. Mike Grassinger will contact them to see if they are interested. Jerry Anderson suggested Susan contact Katie Bolger at Ward 2 to recommend a name for the neighborhood representatives. Susan welcomed Maryann Beerling as a new member of the Commission.
- **MHC/Pima County Housing Commission Joint Subcommittee – Michael McDonald, Chair**
Michael McDonald announced that that MHC/Pima County Joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for ~~February 26, 2010~~ March 15, 2010.
- **RFP “Barn Raising” Task Force – Michael McDonald, Chair**
RFP has gone through Procurement, Legal and Risk Management. Albert will assign a staff person to get RFP out and have them contact Michael McDonald. Discussion was held on having a Media Release or a Press Conference. Fair Housing month is the month of April. Albert to check to see if there is an event for the Fair Housing month that this RFP could piggy-back on for a Press/Media Release and let the Commission know.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- **What is the Metropolitan Housing Commission’s role on the delivery of affordable housing through nonprofit partners**
- **Predatory Lending**

10. **Call to the Audience**
No requests received.

11. **Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Oralia Acuna